

Three Forks Stream A

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Three Forks Stream B

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The Crayfish Dilemma Response Sheet

Crayfish are threatening what's left of Arizona's streams and wetlands. Crayfish are non-native, aquatic animals that don't fit into the complex, natural cycle of southwestern river systems. Crayfish will eat any organism they can catch and will strip a stream of its aquatic plants, turning a clear stream muddy. They reproduce quickly and have been released into natural riparian areas by well-meaning individuals, intentionally and accidentally.

You are on a committee formed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department with the task of coming up with a plan to help save Arizona's streams and wetlands from the threat of crayfish.

In the space below, brainstorm some possible solutions to this problem. Record your ideas below. Remember to write down why you think your solution is the best plan of action.

Based on your ideas above, write a paragraph in which you explain your plan of action. Remember: you must persuade the Arizona Game and Fish Department that this is the best solution.



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